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Soviet rail supply

shipments observed during the month of May 1952:

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Number of Carloads	Item Shipped
542	ammunition
54	fuel
63	tobacco, tea and buckwheat
2	clothing
122	artillery pieces and other weapons
114	tanks and tank equipment
1,926	motor vehicles and motor vehicle spare parts
110	aircraft and miscellaneous air force equipment
3	medical equipment
39	unidentified military goods

Total: 3,025

The volume of military supply shipments arriving in May considerably exceeded the previously observed monthly average of 1,000 railroad cars. In April, a total of 2,261 railroad cars loaded with military supplies arrived. This increase in the volume of supply shipments was mainly due to the current vehicle replacement program, which was started in mid-February 1952. In May, a total of 1,833 new vehicles, mostly 3-ton trucks, arrived. From mid-February until late May, a total of 4,895 vehicles was shipped to Germany. The shipping out of used vehicles was started in late March. From 2,000 to 2,500 vehicles were returned to the U.S.S.R. by late May. Information on increased shipments of weapons earmarked for the equipment of the Volkspolizei was transmitted previously. Prior to late May, 769 artillery pieces of calibers up to 76.2 mm arrived in Germany. Increased numbers of MiG-15s also arrived in May. Since the beginning of 1952, a total of 525 [redacted] aircraft have been observed passing the border en route to Germany.* In May, the Third Shock Army received six new tanks. Summer training also necessitated increased ammunition shipments. In May, 542 carloads of ammunition arrived, as against 383, 133 and 303 carloads observed in April, March and February respectively.

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